

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the title with the following rewritten title:

ULTRASONIC TOMOGRAPHIC DIAGNOSTIC APPARATUS

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 12, with the following rewritten paragraph:

As shown in Fig. 1, an ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus according to the first embodiment includes an ultrasonic endoscope 11a, an ultrasonic observing portion 12, a position detecting portion 13, a monitor 14, a keyboard 15 and a mouse 16. The ultrasonic endoscope 11a is an ultrasonic probe. The ultrasonic observing portion 12 includes tomographic parallel-images constructing means for creating tomographic parallel images from ultrasonic tomographic images, ultrasonic tomographic image marker setting means, slicing position setting means, rotating means, display control means, slicing means ~~[[and rotating means]]~~ and the like. The position detecting portion 13 is positional information detecting means. The monitor 14 is display means. The keyboard 15 includes ultrasonic tomographic image marker setting means, slicing position setting means, rotating means and the like.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

At a step S401, an operator selects an item for changing a slicing position on the menu from the external input control circuit 37 to the controller 39 by using the keyboard 15 and/or the mouse 16. Then, the controller 39 controls the image processing circuit 33 and the display circuit 34 to display the slicing line marker 57 on a segment of the ultrasonic tomographic image 51 on the right side of a monitor screen shown in Fig. 13. When the operator instructs to move the slicing line marker 57 via the keyboard 15 and/or the mouse 16, the slicing marker 57 moves in the direction indicated by the arrow in Fig. 13, for example, in accordance with the instruction. The state is checked by an operator on the monitor, and the slicing position is defined at the position of the newly moved slicing line marker 57.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 75, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

According to this display example, by having the image mixing circuit 42 and the like and operated such that the newest ultrasonic tomographic image and the guide image can be displayed on the right and left sides, respectively, on the monitor 107, which part of an ultrasonic image displayed on the current monitor 107 is being scanned can be easily recognized by an operator, for example. In other words, when the endoscope insert portion 10 is inserted and/or withdrawn along the digestive tract through the esophagus, the stomach and the duodenum, for example, the locus substantially and anatomically agrees with the form of the duodenum. By using the fact, an operator can clearly

identify which part within a body cavity the distal end of the insert portion 10 of the ultrasonic endoscope exists based on the guide image.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 96, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The path information includes plural ultrasonic image markers 161 (ultrasonic image markers ~~[[61a]]~~ 161a to ~~[[61e]]~~ 161e in the shown example), direction-of-12-o'clock markers 162 (direction-of-12-o'clock markers 162a to ~~[[62e]]~~ 162e in the shown example) given on the ultrasonic image markers 161 and a locus marker 163 connecting the ultrasonic image markers 161. The orientation information includes plural body to be examined markers 190a, 190b and 190c resulting from the projection of three-dimensional body to be examined markers on a two-dimensional plane from a predetermined direction. In the examples of the ultrasonic image markers 161 and direction-of-12-o'clock markers 162 (ultrasonic image marker 161e and direction-of-12-o'clock marker 162e in the shown example) corresponding to an ultrasonic image being currently displayed are synthesized with these body to be examined markers 190a, 190b and 190c. Thus, the position and/or direction of the body to be examined 100 on the ultrasonic image are displayed. Then, the path information and orientation information are displayed on the right and left sides, respectively, of a newest ultrasonic image displayed at the center of the monitor 107.